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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY SHOULD BE
DELIVERED TO FOREIGN MINISTER CALLAGHAN SOONEST:

DEAR JIM:

AT OUR QUADRIPARTITE MEETING IN PARIS WE REVIEWED THE
NEGOTIATING STATUS OF THE CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURE
ON ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF MILITARY MANEUVERS. IN
ASSESSING WHICH ASPECT OF THE MEASURE IS MOST IMPORTANT
TO WESTERN INTERESTS, WE REACHED A GENERAL CONSENSUS
THAT IT WOULD BE MOST IMPORTANT TO HAVE DEPTH OF
TERRITORY INCREASED AND THAT THE NUMBER OF TROOPS
INVOLVED AND THE NUMBER OF DAYS' NOTICE WOULD BE

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BY COMPARISON OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE.

SINCE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON, I HAVE LEARNED FROM THE SOVIETS THAT THEY ARE NOW PREPARED TO CONSIDER A ZONE OF 250 KILOMETERS IN DEPTH PROVIDING THAT THE OTHER PARAMETERS REMAIN AT 18 DAYS AND 30,000 MEN. IT IS MY

IMPRESSION THAT THIS REPRESENTS AN IMPORTANT CONCESSION AND ADEQUATELY MEETS ALLIED REQUIREMENTS.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REACTION TO THE SOVIET PROPOSAL AND IF YOU AGREE WITH ME THAT IT PROVIDES A BASIS FOR SATISFACTORY COMPROMISE ON THIS ISSUE THAT YOU WILL SO NOTIFY YOUR REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA.

I AM ALSO SENDING THIS MESSAGE TO OUR GERMAN AND FRENCH COLLEAGUES.

ON YOUR LETTER DEALING WITH THE ENERGY PROBLEM, I WILL GET BACK TO YOU WITH OUR VIEWS AFTER ART HARTMAN AND TOM ENDERS HAVE HAD FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH SIR PETER ON JUNE 9. BUT GENERALLY I WANT YOU TO KNOW I FULLY SHARE YOUR CONCERNS.

WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER KISSINGER

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